

CHRISTMAS EVE BEHOLDS MIGHTY ARMIES ENGAGED IN DEADLY COMBAT

CARRANZA MAKES EFFORT TO RAISE FRESH TROOPS

No Cessation of Hostilities as Angry Millions Batter Away With Weapons of Destruction And Tens of Thousands Bite The Dust

FRENCH OFFENSIVE TO REACH CLIMAX WITHIN NEXT THREE WEEKS IS ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

New Guns of Allies Equal to German 42 Centimeter Siege Guns—3,000,000 to 4,000,000 Engaged in Eastern Zone Where Russians Are Holding Germans In Check—Loved Ones Send Christmas Cheer to the Front, Sacrificing Comfort For the Warriors—Allies Preparing for Crushing Blows.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 24.—It is learned from authoritative source that Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force in France and Belgium, and General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French army, are gathering their forces and are moving their troops and artillery for terrific blows, which will be administered against the Germans at both ends of the three hundred mile battle front probably in January.
The French government recently received from the government arms works a heavy consignment of new guns, fully as effective as the 42-centimeter guns of the Germans, which are being rushed to West Flanders and the battlefield west of the Meuse.
The offensive of the allies, which actually began more than a fortnight ago, is expected to reach the climax of its effective pressure within the next three weeks.

London, December 24.—Christmas eve finds little change in the underground warfare now being conducted in the western theater of war where General Joffre, the commander-in-chief of the French armies, still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German line across France and Belgium.

In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw, the capital of Russian-Poland, where the forces of the German cen-

ter, and of the Russians seeking to check them, sway back and forth along the banks of the rivers barring the way to the Polish capital.

The Russians claim successes in the latest encounters, but during the last ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably and it is said they are now bringing up their 42-centimeter guns, preparatory to siege operations.

In Galicia the Austro-German forces seem to have made no further progress, and in the north the Russians are reported to have pushed the invaders further back into East Prussia.

The German tactics in the march toward Warsaw, military observers in London point out, are beginning to have some of the characteristics of the rush towards Calais and Dunkirk, which the allies stemmed, thousands being sacrificed and others being hurled forward to fill the gaps with the same prodigality that was shown by the Germans in Flanders.

Military experts here are unable to agree on the number of the Austro-German troops in the east, estimates varying from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000; but it is pointed out that Russia, unless exaggerating her resources, should be able, easily, to top this figure, now that her concentration of forces is nearing completion.

Petrograd has never conceded that the occupation of Lodz by the Germans had any strategic importance, but the German view has now found

expression from Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who remarked to the representative of the Associated Press on the eastern front that he considered it "the turning point of the campaign."

All the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home have been, or are being distributed in the trenches, at the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of post cards to the soldiers and sailors, from King George and Queen Mary, being one feature of the British gifts.

The Austrian attempts to crush Serbia, which some predicted would be abandoned in view of the recent turn of events by which the Serbians reoccupied Belgrade, are soon to be renewed in the form of a "final blow," according to dispatches from Budapest.

Christmas at the front will be as cheerful and comfortable as the love and self-denial, of well nigh every family in France can make it.

The spirit of those at home is not to give presents to one another, but to unite and give all to the son, father or brother serving with the flag. Many a family in France probably will dine meagerly tonight and tomorrow because of the packages of soft woolen things and boxes of delicacies which have gone to the kinsmen at the front.

The military administration has been most considerate in providing transports, so that all this month numerous vans, loaded with holiday packages, were among the long supply trains back of the army.

The Ministry of War, among other things, is sending a bottle of champagne for every four soldiers at the front. All the plum puddings in the shops of Paris have been taken by the French military to send to the British soldiers.

DROPS BOMB UPON DOVER

By Associated Press.
London, December 24.—A hostile aeroplane dropped a bomb over Dover this morning and then disappeared, according to a statement made this afternoon by the Official Press Bureau.
This was the first time that the British government had officially admitted a German raid over English territory, but it had been reported, some time ago that a German had flown over Dover.

BARBED WIRE FOR EUROPE

By Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Demands from the belligerent nations of Europe for barbed and plain wire today reached the feverish stage in the wire mills of this district.
Orders aggregating 125,000 tons have been made. This business is worth approximately \$4,000,000.
Mill officers said the length of the ordered wire in all, would reach 275,000 miles.

GEN. SCOTT TO MEET MEXICAN

By Associated Press.
Naco, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, left the American camp this morning to meet Governor Maytorena, besieger of Naco, Sonora, on the border, four miles east of here.

Two previous appointments had not been kept by Maytorena. On Monday during that time. The total casualties among officers to date are 3,835, divided as follows: Killed, 1,081; wounded, 2,152; missing, 602.

LATEST LIST OF THE DEAD

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 24.—The latest officers' casualty list, covering the week from December 8 to 15, shows that 23 officers were killed and 81 wounded during that time. The total casualties among officers to date are 3,835, divided as follows: Killed, 1,081; wounded, 2,152; missing, 602.

ALL WORK SUSPENDED

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Governmental business practically was suspended today and the national capital was ready for its Christmas celebration. Congress was taking a recess, at the White House only necessary business was being transacted, in the executive departments work had been postponed and the Supreme court had adjourned for the holidays.
Officials of the government, from President Wilson down, had made arrangements for the Christmas celebration.

Many members of the House and Senate were on their way today to their homes, while others, from the more distant sections of the country, remained here.

FRANCIS JOSEPH

Emperor of Austria-Hungary Is Reported Dying in Vienna.



FLOOD IS AT HEIGHT

By Associated Press.
Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—The Santa Cruz river, heretofore called "river" by courtesy of the map makers, is on its worst rampage of a generation.

The San Pedro river, west of Bisbee, is a stream nearly a mile wide. Other streams are swollen in proportion, railroad tracks have been washed out, buildings flooded or carried away and property damaged to the extent of thousands of dollars, as the result of seven days of rain throughout southern Arizona.

National Guardsmen, returning to Tucson early today, confirm reports that two Mexicans had been drowned in the Santa Cruz.

Reports from Bisbee stated that further rain during the night threatened to increase property damage.

Southern Pacific passenger train was marooned 36 hours between Tucson and Nogales. For 24 hours passengers of this train were without food.

FRENCH GUNBOAT, IS TORPEDOED

London, December 24.—An official statement given out in Paris today says that an Austrian submarine torpedoed a French battleship in the Gulf of Otranto. The battleship was damaged only slightly. No one was injured.

PEN PRISONERS WILL BE GIVEN RECOGNITION

By Associated Press.
Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Without precedent in the annals of the Ohio state penitentiary is the latest plan of Warden Thomas to better conditions for prisoners by giving them a voice in the management of the institution, announced in the Christmas edition of the Penitentiary News, the official publication of the prison, today.

The three huge cell blocks in the prison will be divided into six precincts and one prisoner will be selected from each precinct to represent the inmates of the blocks. These men will be known as "councilmen" and will meet with Warden Thomas once each week in the prison auditorium for conference.

Just what is best for the moral, mental and physical betterment of prisoners in the institution will be discussed at these meetings.

ain that a military guard went along to keep the crew from mutiny.

Interest in any further fighting along the Pacific coast has died out and the soldiers are selling their arms and ammunition. Troops stationed at Mazatlan have destroyed the fortifications. Quiet prevails along the entire coast and it is freely reported that the Carranza chiefs are preparing to leave the country.

One of the effects of the drawn out warfare has been the shrinkage in the value of Mexican money, until one peso today, in Mazatlan, is worth only 15 cents American.

CONTEST SOLON'S RIGHT TO SEAT

By Associated Press.
Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—A petition contesting the right of the Lucas Co. legislative delegation to seat in the legislature was filed with Clerk John Cassidy of the House today, in the name of Samuel Humphrey of Toledo. Irregularities in election are charged. This follows action taken locally in Lucas county to contest the election of other officials. All the legislators-elect from Lucas county are Democrats.

QUARANTINE IS MODIFIED LATE TODAY

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—The State Agricultural Commission today further modified the foot and mouth quarantine regulations for intra-state shipments of live stock so that quarantine restrictions will apply only to territory within a three mile radius of all cases of infection in all counties except Ottawa, Sandusky and Wood, where a five-mile radius for quarantine restriction is established.

Just what construction to place on the above is not entirely clear. However it refers entirely to shipments made within the state, and not to interstate shipments.

Dr. Paul Fischer Thursday afternoon, stated that new orders on the modification of the quarantine would be issued Friday or Saturday.

It is expected that the affidavit previously required of persons disposing of stock, will not be necessary outside of a three-mile radius from the Perrill farm.

FIVE PERISH IN N. Y. FIRE

New York, Dec. 24.—Five members of a family, occupying an apartment on the top floor of a five-story tenement house at West 49th street, were trapped in a fire, early today, that started in the basement and spread rapidly up the elevator shaft. Four members of the family were suffocated before aid could reach them the fifth dying soon after being taken to a hospital.

The only surviving member of the family, a telephone operator at a local hospital, was on duty when the fire started and he ordered out ambulances and surgeons to the scene. He did not learn of the death of his relatives until his mother was brought into the hospital, where she died.

XMAS PARDON GOES TO GEORGE K. CETONE

By Associated Press.
Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Governor Cox this afternoon gave a Christmas gift of an unconditional pardon to former State Senator George K. Cetone, of Dayton, who has served all but four months of a three-year sentence in the penitentiary, on a charge of accepting a bribe in connection with the notorious legislative scandal case nearly three years ago.
Cetone is now a patient in the prison hospital and is in poor health.

He expects to leave the prison today and will go soon to Hot Springs, Ark. with his wife and little son, in an effort to find health there.

Governor Cox gave out a statement saying the lobbyists were the real culprits in the legislative scandal cases. He said indications are that no evidence against Cetone was secured except that in connection with the bribery entrapment by detectives hired to inveigle legislators into accepting bribes.

FLOODS FOLLOW HEAVY RAINFALL

Southern Arizona Suffers Serious
Property Losses.

DROWNINGS ALSO RECORDED

Ranch Houses and City Residences
Wrecked and Live Stock by Hun-
dreds of Head Destroyed by Tor-
rents Roaring Through Usually Dry
Canyons—Power Plants and Wire
Service Crippled or Suspended.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 24.—Floods, the
result of a week of rainfall, have in-
flicted severe damage on nearly the
entire southern area of the state
lying between Phoenix and the Mexi-
can border.

Three persons, so far as known, have
lost their lives; live stock by hun-
dreds of head has been drowned;
ranch houses and city residences have
been wrecked or washed away by tor-
rents roaring through what usually
are dry canyons and traffic by rail,
highway and wire either has been
badly crippled or completely sus-
pended.

The most serious damage seems to

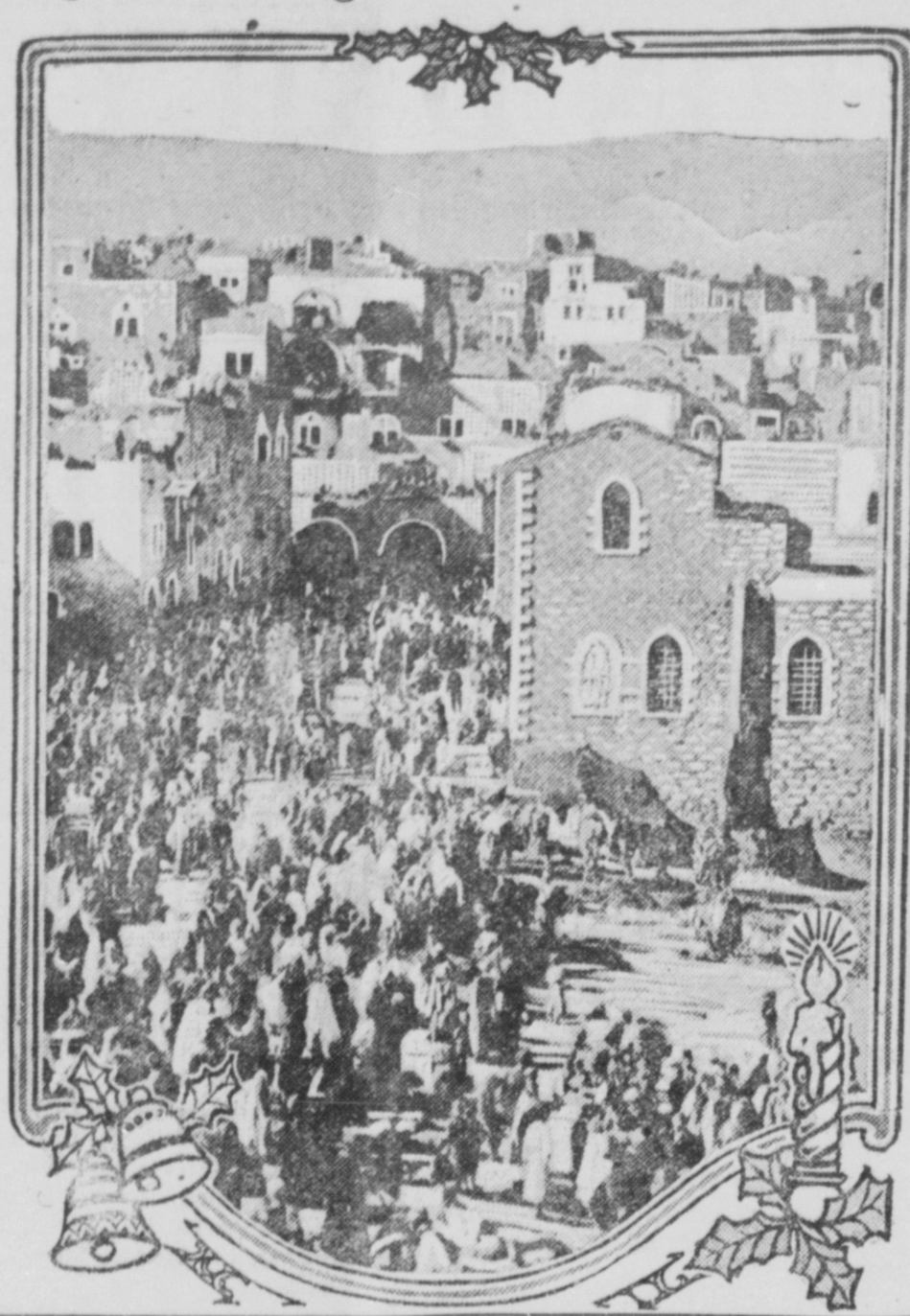
have been suffered in that part of the
Santa Cruz valley lying thirty miles
south of here. The Santa Cruz river
attained a width of more than a mile
and a half and the crest of the flood,
after sweeping through Amado and
the fertile farming region roundabout,
reached Tucson, sweeping out bridges
and houses and threatening to work
further destruction.

Dozens of ranch dwellings were de-
stroyed in the vicinity of Amado.
Two Mexicans were drowned there,
after they had hung in the branches
of trees for hours, awaiting rescue.
A United States soldier was reported
to have been drowned in a big wash
at Naco. An open cut a mile long, con-
taining machinery costing \$500,000,
which served the Tucson Farms com-
pany project, went under water. Poles
coming down the river a little later
indicated that the power lines had
been destroyed.

At Bisbee, floods poured through
the deep canyons between the moun-
tains and inundated portions of the
business sections. Gangs of city
workmen were engaged there remov-
ing a three foot layer of sand, depos-
ited upon the main streets by the
flood, which receded almost as rapid-
ly as it came.

Nogales is isolated; also Fort Hu-
achuca, Florence and Ray, the latter
two being near Phoenix, where the
Salt River valley irrigation project,
with its extensive and costly canal
system, suffered severely.

Pilgrims Entering Bethlehem on Christmas Day



SPECIAL PROGRAM AT GRACE CHURCH

A very pleasing Christmas pro-
gram has been prepared and will be
presented at Grace church tonight,
beginning at 7 o'clock. The program
will last one hour, and Santa Claus
will make his appearance before the
entertainment closes.

The program is under the auspices
of the Sunday school. All are cor-
dially invited to be present. Gifts
for the needy will be received at the
door.

LOCAL YOUTH GETS STATE INSURANCE

William Markley, who some time
ago was injured while at work in the
Sauer Bakery in this city, has been
awarded \$87.50 by the State Indus-
trial Commission, under the provi-
sions of the Ohio Workmen's Compens-
ation act.

Mr. Markley resides on High St.,
this city.

CHRISTMAS SERMON AND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday morning at 10:30, Rev. J.
H. McKibben, of the Church of Christ
in Christian Union, will deliver a
Christmas sermon at the Bible school
rooms on Oakland avenue.

Friday evening a Christmas en-
tertainment will be given at the same
place, and the public is invited. The
entertainment begins at 7:30 o'clock.

SHIPS FINE BUNCH OF FAYETTE PORKERS

One of the finest herds of hogs
shipped from this county recently was
that owned by Mr. Elton Marine,
south of this city, and which was
shipped to Pittsburg Wednesday of
this week.

The herd contained 180 fine ani-
mals which averaged 259 pounds, and
they brought the top price.

BARBER SHOPS WILL CLOSE

The following barber shops will be
closed all day Christmas, but will re-
main open until 10 Thursday eve:
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Phillips, Harry V. Heath, Fay Brown,
F. C. Mayer, J. T. Oatneal, C. A. Bry-
ant, Carl Noon, E. L. Tracey, Ander-
son & Johnson, E. A. Tracey. 300 4t

VOTE \$1,000,000,000 FOR WAR PURPOSES

Paris, Dec. 24.—Parliament adjourned
after adopting without a dissenting
vote all the credits asked by the gov-
ernment and shelving certain bills at
the request of the premier. In the
chamber the vote on the provisional
half year credit of \$1,700,000,000, of
which \$1,000,000,000 is for war pur-
poses, was 561 to 0.

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NEW NUTS

English Walnuts, pound... 20c
Almonds, pound... 20c
Brazil, pound... 12 1/2c
Pecans, pound... 14c
Filberts, pound... 15c
Fancy Mixed, pound... 15c

GRAPES

Malaga, pound... 12 1/2c
Catawba, basket... 15c

APPLES

Western Box Apples—Jonathan
and Belleflower
Ohio and Virginia grown
Apples 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c

New Dates and Figs

Raisins and Currants

Bananas, dozen, 15c

VEGETABLES

Beans, Navy, pound... 5 1/2c
Beans, Lima, pound... 7 1/2c
Parsnips, pound... 3c
Turnips, pound... 1 1/2c
Yellow Onions, pound... 2 1/2c
Red Onions, pound... 2 1/2c
Bermuda Onions, pound... 5c
Cabbage, pound... 2c
Celery... 3 bunches 10c
Potatoes, bushel... 55c
Sweet Potatoes, pound... 4c

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GERMANS CLAIM EASY SUCCESSES

London, Dec. 24.—The German om-
cial statement says: "Attacks in the
region of Lombardy and south of
Bixchoote, in Belgium, have been
easily repulsed by us. At Richebourg
l'Avoue, the English again were driven
from their positions. Notwith-
standing desperate counter attacks,
we have retained all the positions we
captured from the English on the
Richebourg canal from Aire to Labas-
see. Since Dec. 20 we have captured
750 British and colored soldiers, five
machine guns and four mine throw-
ers. French attacks north of Lille,
southeast of Rheims, at Souain and at
Perthes have been partly repelled
with heavy losses."

GEN. MAKENZEN AGAIN HONORED

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Kaiser Wil-
helm has again honored General Von
Mackenzon for successes in Poland,
and has made the general oberst-gen-
eral as well as conferring on him the
iron cross of the first class. General
Conrad von Hotzendorf, chief of the
Austrian general staff, says that the
campaigns in the east will determine
the war.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDER QUARANTINE

Shelby, O., Dec. 24.—Shelby is with-
out fire protection, since the entire
fire department is quarantined be-
cause of a diphtheria epidemic.

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ALLEGED SLAYER SHOT TO DEATH

Oakville, Tex., Dec. 24.—A mob of
cowboys lynched Isidro Gonzales, a
Mexican, who is alleged to have
choked Harry Hinton, county jailer
here, to death last Sunday night and
then escaped from jail. The lynching
occurred near the town, the body
of the victim being riddled with bul-
lets.

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Christmas

Once more the night before Christmas is here. Tonight and tomorrow all over the Christian world the old and beautiful story of peace on earth, good will to men, will be told again in every household, no matter how humble nor how magnificent, as it has been for nineteen centuries. The eager anticipation of the children, those who believe implicitly in the mythical yet "really" Santa Claus and the joy of the realization of those hopes, which, fortunately, in the majority of instances, surpasses anticipation, is not greater than that of the older folks who know the true story of that jolly old resident of the North Pole regions. The American people on Christmas day this year, and on this night before Christmas have reason to appreciate to the fullest extent the real meaning of Christmas and the real joy of Christmas time. They must know and appreciate, by comparison with conditions existing in other lands, now as never before in the history of our land, what blessings the people of a nation at peace with all the world, possess. In the supreme joy of the peace that prevails in this land of ours the people can afford to and will forget that money is a little more difficult to obtain in the quantities prosperous Americans are accustomed to receiving it, they can forget that the currents of trade and commerce are a little sluggish now, they can afford to forget that "business conditions," have compelled a tightening of the purse strings and in doing so they will realize that the possession of material things and the gratification of every desire is not all of life. The people of this land cannot fail to realize that this nation is the possessor, above all else of the priceless jewel of peace.

Surely in the abundance of that which we have we can forget to long for that which we have not. In comparison with the people of the war torn lands of the earth where there are millions of homeless starving children, hundreds of thousands of homes in ruins, fortunes shattered, fathers, brothers, husbands and sweethearts slain or crippled for life on the field of battle, in those lands where the very earth is soaked with the blood of the slain and the tears of the loved ones who mourn, the sound of Christmas bells sending to the realms above their peals in commemoration of the birth of Him who preached and lived and died, that men might live at peace and with good will, the one for the other, will have, for our people, a different tone. The American who cannot forget the petty misfortunes of business and politics at this Christmas time, who cannot forgive and forget his trifling injuries and worldly cares, who cannot give of his plenty to those who need a portion, who cannot love his native land and all its institutions which bring him so much and cost him so little, is to be pitied. The Christmas chimes this year should find in the heart of every American a responsive chord and every bell in every spire and dome, and every human voice in America, should join in sending a great, joyous chorus to heaven in giving thanks for the life of Him who taught by word and act the blessings of peace. No matter what the balance sheets of trade may show, no matter what the condition of business is, compared with other periods in the history of this prosperous land, the true spirit of Christmas, with old and young, should not be checked by their showing, which, in view of our possession of other riches, is comparatively inconsequential.

Irresistible Tide of Trade Will Follow New Banking System

By WILLIAM A. LAW, President American Bankers' Association

OUR great event of the year is the starting of the new federal reserve system. The national banks will render heartiest co-operation to ward its success. THEY ARE THE OWNERS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS, THEY HAVE SELECTED TO CONTROL THEIR PROPERTY A MAJORITY OF THE DIRECTORS, AND THEY, WITH THE GOVERNMENT, WILL BE PRACTICALLY THE ONLY CUSTOMERS. The quality of management, both officers and directors, is the best the country can supply. The state banks, with sixty per cent of the country's banking resources, are as yet out of the system, and as their legal position is quite independent their entrance will have to be accomplished not by legislative compulsion, but by the logic of advantageous inducements. This result will probably be effected by the contagion of proved success and by amendments to the act suggested by experience in its practical administration. THEN ALL THE BANKS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME BE IN A POSITION TO CO-OPERATE READILY FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT, WITH ELASTIC CURRENCY, WITH BRANCHES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, WITH GOVERNMENT REVENUES RETAINED IN TRADE CHANNELS AND WITH RESERVES RESPONSIVE TO CENTRAL CONTROL.

Poetry For Today

THE NATIVITY.
A littered cattle-shed, wind-swept and cold—
A humble manger, scarcely light, save where
The mystic halo gilds the unbound hair
Of her, the Mother Maid, whose weak arms hold
The Royal Baby but a few hours old!
Three stately Magi kneel in worship there—
They give the Child their treasures, costly, rare
And hail with joy His advent long foretold!
Amazed and mute the patient cattle stand,
But Mary's face, e'en this glad hour, seems wrung
With quick presage, as now a-near, a-far,
A burst of heavenly music thrills the land—
The oldest carol by the angels sung.
The first time heard beneath the Christmas Star!
—New York Times.

Weather Report

Washington, Dec. 24.—Ohio and Indiana—Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday.
Illinois—Cloudy with probably local snows Thursday; Friday generally fair and colder.
West Virginia—Fair Thursday; Friday cloudy.
WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.
Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 7 p. m. Wednesday:
Temp. Weather.
New York 24 Clear
Boston 22 Clear
Buffalo 12 Clear
Washington 30 Clear
Columbus 23 Clear
Chicago 18 Clear
St. Louis 32 Cloudy
St. Paul 2 Cloudy
Los Angeles 62 Clear
New Orleans 52 Cloudy
Tampa 10 Clear
Seattle 42 Clear
Weather Forecast.
Washington, Dec. 24.—Indications for tomorrow:
Ohio—Partly cloudy; somewhat lower temperature.

GERMANS FORCED BACK ALL ALONG LINE OF BATTLE

Result of Ten Days' Offensive Operations By the Allies.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The French attacked fiercely north of Verdun and drove the Germans from a long line of advanced trenches between the Argonne and the Meuse. Their bayonet charges carried them to the barbed wire entanglements which the Germans hold as a second line of defense in the region of Varennes. This energetic and skillful attack seems to have turned the scale in the fierce battle which has continued north of Verdun for several days. The French and British, assisted by their Belgian allies in western Flanders, continued their determined offensive and gained ground toward Ostend, toward Bixchoote, at the western edge of the Argonne and in the Argonne, although a check was reported at Bouruclles, which was captured by the French on Tuesday and where it has been difficult for the French to hold fast under the persistent and violent counter attacks of the Germans. In ten days of offensive operations it is claimed the allies have driven the German line back from four to ten miles in important areas of fighting between the North sea and Alsatian Plain.

LILLE IN GRIP OF WAR MONSTER

Paris, Dec. 24.—Refugees from Lille, who have just escaped from that town, say 998 houses were destroyed by the bombardment. The people of the town remained in the cellars of their houses. German officers in automobiles race through the deserted streets. Bread and butter are scarce.

Fresh supply Mrs. Austin's Bag Buckwheat now on hand at your grocers. adv

FRIENDS TRIED AND TRUE

THE little dog drooped what tail he had,
The broken doll fainted away,
And the poor Teddy bear was filled with despair
When the new doll came to stay.
"Oh, have you forgotten old friends?" they cried,
But the little girl didn't hear
As she cuddled with joy her new found toy
And sang in its waxen ear.



THEY SNUGGLED UP CLOSE TO HER BREAST.

BUT the days flew by, and she missed her friends,
Though she cherished the new love too.
But the waxen girl with the flaxen curl
Played none of the games they knew.
So she hunted around till she found them all,
And they snuggled up close to her breast,
And never a word of reproach was heard
As she whispered, "Old friends are best."
—John Ruland in Leslie's Weekly.

SCHWAB SAYS WAR IS BOON TO TRADE

New York Dec. 24.—The nations of Europe have placed contracts in the United States for more than \$300,000,000 worth of supplies since the beginning of the war, according to Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, who returned from England aboard the steamship Lusitania. Mr. Schwab predicted that for this reason the United States is now at the threshold of the "greatest period of prosperity it has seen in many years." Mr. Schwab, who sailed for England less than a month ago, admitted that the object of his trip was to cancel provisional contracts he had made with the British government for the building of submarines. This he had done, he said, after having been advised by Secretary of State Bryan that for an American concern to supply submarines to any of the belligerent nations would be a violation both in letter and spirit of the neutrality of the United States.

KING OF BELGIUM THANKS AMERICANS

London, Dec. 24.—King Albert of Belgium has written in English the following message: "The magnificent generosity of the American people in forwarding immense quantities of gifts of foodstuffs to my suffering people affords me intense satisfaction and touches me very deeply. I desire to offer my deepest thanks and at the same time to convey a message of good will for the new year."

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Christmas Sermon in Words of One Syllable.

An innovation in sermons was the one delivered by the Rev. A. Smythe Palmer, M. A., D. D., vicar of Holy Trinity church, Wanstead, England, on the birth of Christ. This sermon is entirely in words of one syllable.

HE speaks the mind of God who tells us and would have us know what God thinks, for if it were not for him we could not know at all. "God did so love the world that he gave his own, one Son, to be born at this time for us, to the end that all who trust in him should not die, but have the life which lasts for aye." He came and "dwelt with us" on earth that men might see with their own eyes at least one pure life, lived free from sin. He was made "flesh of our flesh" and "bone of our bone." "God with us" in truth, but man no less, true man and true God—a child like one of our own. That is the strange thing, so deep that no man, wise as he may be, can quite take it in. It was to be "God with us," but at the same time "a worm and no man"—less than a man in the grief and pain and scorn which he bore. The texts take our thoughts back to the birth of this day. It is a birthday for the whole world to keep. All men can say: "To us this child is born; to us God gave this son of his love. I have my share in it." And so we are all glad of heart and make our church gay with plants and flowers and sing our hymns of joy and keep the feast with gifts and good fare. It is the birth day of all our hopes. Now, it was good news of great joy that the host from on high brought to the herds who kept watch on their sheep in the fields. And it is still so. For us, as much as for them, was born in that small town one strong to save, "Which is Christ the Lord."



they ate their hay, the newborn babe was laid. Just think what all this means—God made flesh, God born as man in this world of ours, that he might find a way to bring back man to God! He hid his might, and men hid their face from him. None but the herds who kept their sheep saw or knew of it till they fell to the ground in a great blaze of light, and a host of bright ones in the sky sang such a song as no choir on earth has sung, which gave praise to God on high, "and on earth peace, good will to men." Those herds had faith to go and seek the child of whom they were told. They found him in the crib, and they saw more than their eyes could see. They knew that in that weak child was the power of God to save. And so these good men, when they had bowed down, went back to their flock, struck with awe, and "gave praise to God for all they had heard and seen." Shall we do less? Shall we not, too, go home and give thanks on our part, with joy for what we have heard? And in all our joy let us find room for the one guest who should not be left out—room in our hearts for him whose word is life.

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Mrs. Chas. Coffey also suffered a very ugly fall while in the yard at her home, and while painfully injured, the injuries are not of a serious character.

Mrs. Chas. Stroud, on the same street, fell and struck her head against the steps. The injury was exceedingly painful, and Mrs. Stroud was unable to proceed with her work for some time.

Floyd Tracey, of Clinton avenue, had a severe wound cut across his head by falling and striking his head against a sharp edge of a step or other object.

Many of the accidents occurred in the western part of the city. However, a large number of persons have suffered minor injuries from falls on the ice.

HEROIC WORK PREVENTS FIRE FROM SPREADING

Quite a little excitement was occasioned in Bloomingburg Wednesday, when a frame building used for a wash house, and owned by Mr. A. R. Swope, burned down, resulting in a loss of some \$300.

A water pipe had been frozen up, and in thawing it out the woodwork ignited with the result that after smoldering for a short time, un-

known to the one who had thawed the pipes, the fire broke out and the structure was doomed before it was discovered.

As the building stood in the midst of other buildings, including the house and barn, a general conflagration was threatened, but by the strenuous work of citizens who flocked to the scene, the flames were confined to the one building, with the exception of some little damage to one or two other structures.

For a time it appeared that the house and barn would follow the flaming structure, but the fire fighters did their work thoroughly, and saved a much heavier loss.

At the time of the fire, Mr. Swope was in Columbus, and did not know of the loss sustained until later in the day.

It was the most dangerous blaze Bloomingburg has faced since the destruction of the Masonic Temple, which occurred some three years ago, and at that time the fire-fighters of Bloomingburg distinguished themselves for their heroic work, saving adjoining buildings by bucket brigades. The town is poorly equipped for fire fighting, other than the hard working volunteer brigades.

NO ISSUE TOMORROW

Following the usual custom of permitting employees to enjoy Christmas day, the Herald office will be closed tomorrow (Friday) and no paper will be issued on that day.

MEMBERS OF BOYS' ORCHESTRA CHOSEN

The project recently advanced for the organization of a Y. M. C. A. boys' orchestra has taken rapid strides lately and has materialized to the extent of choosing the performers and arranging for music and instructions. After the holidays the body will get down to hard and regular practice.

The orchestra will be directed by Mr. Elmer Zimmerman and at the start will be composed of the following members: Harry Green, piano; Glenn Boots, trap drums; Oliver Tracey and John Griffiths, cornets; A. J. Walker, trombone; James Baughn, clarinet; Lyman Fitzgerald, violin; Willis Willis, mandolin; Elmer Zimmerman, director, melophone.

CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAM

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In Social Circles

The "Bowknot girls" will enjoy their annual supper and Christmas tree at the home of Miss Emily Tanzy tonight.

The twenty-fifth annual New Year's ball of the Washington Lodge No. 129, B. P. O. Elks, to be given at their parlors Thursday evening, December 31st, promises to be preeminently the society event of the winter season.

The social session committee, Messrs. Don. H. C. Bowen, Wm. M. Campbell and S. A. Leary, have completed arrangements that are on the most elaborate scale.

Cap's orchestra, recognized as a very superior organization, has been secured by rare good fortune.

It is expected that a large number of visiting society young people will be present.

The grand march will start promptly at nine o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Howell are entertaining with a family dinner Christmas, their guests, Mrs. Margaret Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Entekin, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coffman and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. Howard Coffman of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marchant, Mr. Rollo Marchant, of Milledgeville; Capt. and Mrs. T. F. Parrett and daughter, Miss Fantie, of Fairview; Judge and Mrs. Rell G. Allen.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Stitt will entertain at a Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McClure, of Peebles; Mr. J. Y. Stitt and daughter, Miss Ercel, of Bloomingburg; Mrs. Robert Morris, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. B. Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rusk came over from Zanesville Thursday afternoon to be the Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Pearce Ballard, and family.

Charles Clark is home from Carnegie Institute for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George James and son, Richard, arrived from Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rodgers. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid and Mrs. Stuckey.

Mrs. Maude Coffman and daughter, Miss Geraldine, are home from Detroit, Mich., where Miss Coffman is attending the Thomas Training school, spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hodson.

Miss Margaret Tilton is spending Christmas at her home in New Vienna.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Evick and daughter, Ruth Carleton, of Columbus, are the holiday guests of Mrs. Mack Stuckey, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid.

John Hagerty is up from Cincinnati to spend Christmas.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

The Knickerbocker Stock Company will open a three days' engagement at the Empire theatre on Thursday night, December 24th, with special matinees on Xmas. and Saturday. Mr. H. E. Wilson, the manager of the Empire theatre has the pleasure to announce that this is one of the

PALACE THEATRE

The Program for Friday

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sanderson left Thursday morning for Middletown to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bateman.

Mrs. Minnie Brown goes to Middletown Thursday for a holiday visit with her son, Mr. Alfred Brown and wife.

Mr. Harve Rodgers and family, of Norwood, are the Christmas guests of Mr. Rodgers' mother, Mrs. Mary J. Rodgers.

Mr. Ralph C. Brown joins his wife tonight at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bonham, to spend Christmas.

Mr. W. H. Dial made a business trip to Xenia Wednesday.

Misses Anna and Lizzie Bell went to Middletown Thursday morning to spend Christmas with their niece, Mrs. Horace Miller.

Miss Mary Collins came home from the Ohio university for the holidays Thursday.

Mrs. Josephine Kerr, sons, John and Kenneth, and Mrs. George Kerr and baby daughter, of Lily Chapel, will spend Christmas the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Galvin, in Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. John Zollinger and baby, of Piqua, and Dr. George Kerr, will also be in the party.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts will take Christmas dinner with Dr. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, on the Staunton pike, and leave on the afternoon train for Columbus to be the guests of Mrs. Roberts' mother, Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Martin came over from Dayton Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives here and in Sabina.

Miss Vonna Robinson was the guest Wednesday of Mrs. Ellis Bishop enroute from a visit in Columbus to her home north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cook arrive Thursday to spend over Christmas with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dice.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wade and children, of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wade, of Dayton, and Miss Ethel Wade of Xenia, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gage.

Mr. Carl Bishop is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stone and children arrive from Zanesville Thursday and will also be guests at the Bishop home for the holidays.

Mrs. M. Helfrich comes up from Chillicothe Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Floyd W. Jacobs.

Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Davis come over from Williamsport to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Emmer Edwards and family.

Misses Grace and Hazel Post came home from the Ohio University Thursday morning to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tasso Post.

The Favorite Christmas Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled, all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;
Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave a luster of m'dday to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name;
Now, Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen,
On Comet, on Cupid, on Dunder and Blitzen,
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.
As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in furs, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.
His eyes, how they twinkled, his dimples how merry;
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke of it circled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight:
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

—By Clement C. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen and daughter, Miss Flora, went to Waynesville Thursday to spend Christmas with Dr. Arthur McCoy and family. Mr. Allison McCoy and daughter, Miss Sylvia, will also be the guests of Mr. McCoy's son, Dr. McCoy.

Mr. Wm. Vail, of Niles, joined his wife at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Hershey, Thursday.

Mr. Will E. Summers is spending Christmas at his home in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kinnear are down from Columbus spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Barnett and Mrs. Ellen Cissna.

Miss Marie Nisley is home from the Ohio University for the Christmas vacation.

Assistant Atty. Gen. P. E. Dempsey was down from Columbus Wednesday visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Dempsey.

Melwood Hostetler arrived Wednesday evening from Bethany college, W. Va., to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bowman Hostetler. Mr. Hostetler

brought with him a college friend, Herbert Ainslee, of Washington D. C.

Mr. S. L. Watts and wife left Thursday morning for Ohio city and Mendon, where they will visit relatives for the next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keiser, of Roseville; Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis Henry and daughter, Katharine Lee, of Greenfield, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. David Meier.

Mr. Austin F. Hopkins has returned from an extended stay at his farm at Parma, Mo.

Miss Mabel Pinkerton came home from Athens, where she is attending the Ohio University, Thursday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pinkerton, of Bloomingburg.

Mrs. S. E. Simmons and niece, Violet Rodgers, leave Thursday to spend the week end with relatives in Greenfield, Mr. Simmons joining them for Xmas.

Mrs. Lang McGhee, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Snooks, of Columbus, are the Christmas guests of Mr. Sherrill Clark and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Byron Gifford, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are the guests of Mrs. Gifford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rothrock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Schmid, of Whitehouse, O., are the guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid.

Miss Maude Patterson is down from Columbus spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Patterson.

Mr. Ernest Woodward of Granville, joined his sister, Miss Ada, enroute from Northampton, Mass., in Columbus, and accompanied her home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Luella Herbert and son, Herbert, Mr. Walter Robinson, came down from Columbus Thursday to spend Christmas with Miss Mary Robinson and Mr. Geo. Robinson, the entire family the guests of Mr. Roy Hagler and family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kingsbury are spending Christmas with their son, Joseph Kingsbury and wife, in Columbus.

Mr. David M. Glascock, of Cleveland, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Georgiana Glascock.

Mrs. A. M. Bush went to Greenfield Thursday morning to visit her mother, Mrs. Margaret Wilson and Dr. Bush's mother, Mrs. S. M. Templeton. Dr. Bush joined her Thursday night.

Mr. Hiram Rodgers and son, Mr. W. A. Rodgers, of Good Hope, made a business trip to Cleveland during the past week.

Mrs. Polly Warren, who has been making an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Flee, Jr., left Wednesday for a month's visit with her son, Mr. C. R. Warren, in Baltimore.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tysor arrived from Gallatin, Tenn., Thursday morning to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Dahl.

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He is being given every attention, and his wide circle of friends are hopeful of an immediate recovery.

Others Injured.

Mrs. Chas. Coffey also suffered a very ugly fall while in the yard at her home, and while painfully injured, the injuries are not of a serious character.

Mrs. Chas. Stroud, on the same street, fell and struck her head against the steps. The injury was exceedingly painful, and Mrs. Stroud was unable to proceed with her work for some time.

Floyd Tracey, of Clinton avenue, had a severe wound cut across his head by falling and striking his head against a sharp edge of a step or other object.

Many of the accidents occurred in the western part of the city. However, a large number of persons have suffered minor injuries from falls on the ice.

HEROIC WORK PREVENTS FIRE FROM SPREADING

Quite a little excitement was occasioned in Bloomingburg Wednesday, when a frame building used for a wash house, and owned by Mr. A. R. Swope, burned down, resulting in a loss of some \$300.

A water pipe had been frozen up, and in thawing it out the woodwork ignited with the result that after smoldering for a short time, un-

known to the one who had thawed the pipes, the fire broke out and the structure was doomed before it was discovered.

As the building stood in the midst of other buildings, including the house and barn, a general conflagration was threatened, but by the strenuous work of citizens who flocked to the scene, the flames were confined to the one building, with the exception of some little damage to one or two other structures.

For a time it appeared that the house and barn would follow the flaming structure, but the fire fighters did their work thoroughly, and saved a much heavier loss.

At the time of the fire, Mr. Swope was in Columbus, and did not know of the loss sustained until later in the day.

It was the most dangerous blaze Bloomingburg has faced since the destruction of the Masonic Temple, which occurred some three years ago, and at that time the fire-fighters of Bloomingburg distinguished themselves for their heroic work, saving adjoining buildings by bucket brigades. The town is poorly equipped for fire fighting, other than the hard working volunteer brigades.

NO ISSUE TOMORROW

Following the usual custom of permitting employees to enjoy Christmas day, the Herald office will be closed tomorrow (Friday) and no paper will be issued on that day.

MEMBERS OF BOYS' ORCHESTRA CHOSEN

The project recently advanced for the organization of a Y. M. C. A. boys' orchestra has taken rapid strides lately and has materialized to the extent of choosing the performers and arranging for music and instructions. After the holidays the body will get down to hard and regular practice.

The orchestra will be directed by Mr. Elmer Zimmerman and at the start will be composed of the following members: Harry Green, piano; Glenn Boots, trap drums; Oliver Tracey and John Griffiths, cornets; A. J. Walker, trombone; James Baughn, clarinet; Lyman Fitzgerald, violin; Willis Willis, mandolin; Elmer Zimmerman, director, melophone.

HETTY
WANTS TO SEE
YOU



In Social Circles

The "Bowknot girls" will enjoy their annual supper and Christmas tree at the home of Miss Emily Tanzey tonight.

The twenty-fifth annual New Year's ball of the Washington Lodge No. 129, B. P. O. Elks, to be given at their parlors Thursday evening, December 31st, promises to be preeminently the society event of the winter season.

The social session committee, Messrs. Don. H. C. Bowen, Wm. M. Campbell and S. A. Leary, have completed arrangements that are on the most elaborate scale.

Cap's orchestra, recognized as a very superior organization, has been secured by rare good fortune.

It is expected that a large number of visiting society young people will be present.

The grand march will start promptly at nine o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Howell are entertaining with a family dinner Christmas, their guests, Mrs. Margaret Mallow, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Entekin, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coffman and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Mr. Howard Coffman of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Marchant, Mr. Rollo Marchant, of Milledgeville; Capt. and Mrs. T. F. Parrett and daughter, Miss Fantie, of Fairview; Judge and Mrs. Rell G. Allen.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Stitt will entertain at a Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McClure, of Peebles; Mr. J. Y. Stitt and daughter, Miss Ercel, of Bloomingburg; Mrs. Robert Morris, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. B. Gage.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rusk came over from Zanesville Thursday afternoon to be the Christmas guests of their daughter, Mrs. Pearce Ballard, and family.

Charles Clark is home from Carnegie Institute for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George James and son, Richard, arrived from Indianapolis, Ind., Thursday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid and Mrs. Stuckey.

Mrs. Maude Coffman and daughter, Miss Geraldine, are home from Detroit, Mich., where Miss Coffman is attending the Thomas Training school, spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hodson.

Miss Margaret Tilton is spending Christmas at her home in New Vienna.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Evick and daughter, Ruth Carleton, of Columbus, are the holiday guests of Mrs. Mack Stuckey, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid.

John Hagerty is up from Cincinnati to spend Christmas.

EMPIRE THEATRE.

The Knickerbocker Stock Company will open a three days' engagement at the Empire theatre on Thursday night, December 24th, with special matinees on Xmas, and Saturday. Mr. H. E. Wilson, the manager of the Empire theatre has the pleasure to announce that this is one of the

PALACE THEATRE!

The Program for Friday

Carlyle Blackwell In

The Key to Yesterday

From the book by Charles Merrill Buck In Five Parts.

Matinee at 2:30 o'clock

We wish to announce that the Sixth Episode of The Trey of Hearts will not be shown until Jan. 1st, then continuing each Friday.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sanderson left Thursday morning for Middletown to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bateman.

Mrs. Minnie Brown goes to Middletown Thursday for a holiday visit with her son, Mr. Alfred Brown and wife.

Mr. Harve Rodgers and family, of Norwood, are the Christmas guests of Mr. Rodgers' mother, Mrs. Mary J. Rodgers.

Mr. Ralph C. Brown joins his wife tonight at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bonham, to spend Christmas.

Mr. W. H. Dial made a business trip to Xenia Wednesday.

Misses Anna and Lizzie Bell went to Middletown Thursday morning to spend Christmas with their niece, Mrs. Horace Miller.

Miss Mary Collins came home from the Ohio university for the holidays Thursday.

Mrs. Josephine Kerr, sons, John and Kenneth, and Mrs. George Kerr and baby daughter, of Lily Chapel, will spend Christmas the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Galvin, in Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. John Zollinger and baby, of Piqua, and Dr. George Kerr, will also be in the party.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Roberts will take Christmas dinner with Dr. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts, on the Staunton pike, and leave on the afternoon train for Columbus to be the guests of Mrs. Roberts' mother, Mrs. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Martin came over from Dayton Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives here and in Sabina.

Miss Vonna Robinson was the guest Wednesday of Mrs. Ellis Bishop enroute from a visit in Columbus to her home north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cook arrive Thursday to spend over Christmas with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dice.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wade and children, of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wade, of Dayton, and Miss Ethel Wade of Xenia, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gage.

Mr. Carl Bishop is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stone and children arrive from Zanesville Thursday and will also be guests at the Bishop home for the holidays.

Mrs. M. Helfrich comes up from Chillicothe Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Floyd W. Jacobs.

Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Davis come over from Williamsport to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Emmer Edwards and family.

Misses Grace and Hazel Post came home from the Ohio University Thursday morning to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tasso Post.

The Favorite Christmas Poem

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled, all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;
Mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap—
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow
Gave a luster of midday to objects below;
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted, and called them by name;
Now, Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen,
On Comet, on Cupid, on Dunder and Blitzen,
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.
As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys—and St. Nicholas, too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in furs, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack,
His eyes, how they twinkled, his dimples how merry;
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke of it circled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight:
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

—By Clement C. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen and daughter, Miss Flora, went to Waynesville Thursday to spend Christmas with Dr. Arthur McCoy and family. Mr. Allison McCoy and daughter, Miss Sylvia, will also be the guests of Mr. McCoy's son, Dr. McCoy.

Mr. Wm. Vail, of Niles, joined his wife at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Hershey, Thursday.

Mr. Will E. Summers is spending Christmas at his home in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kinnear are down from Columbus spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Barnett and Mrs. Ellen Cissna.

Miss Marie Nisley is home from the Ohio University for the Christmas vacation.

Assistant Atty. Gen. P. E. Dempsey was down from Columbus Wednesday visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Dempsey.

Melwood Hostetler arrived Wednesday evening from Bethany college, W. Va., to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bowman Hostetler. Mr. Hostetler

brought with him a college friend, Herbert Ainslee, of Washington D. C.

Mr. S. L. Watts and wife left Thursday morning for Ohio city and Mendon, where they will visit relatives for the next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keeler, of Roseville; Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis Henry and daughter, Katharine Lee, of Greenfield, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. David Meier.

Mr. Austin F. Hopkins has returned from an extended stay at his farm at Parma, Mo.

Miss Mabel Pinkerton came home from Athens, where she is attending the Ohio University, Thursday morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pinkerton, of Bloomingburg.

Mrs. S. E. Simmons and niece, Violet Rodgers, leave Thursday to spend the week end with relatives in Greenfield, Mr. Simmons joining them for Xmas.

Mrs. Lang McGhee, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Snooks, of Columbus, are the Christmas guests of Mr. Sherrill Clark and family.

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Woodmansee will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. David Sanders, in Leesburg.

Mrs. Margaret Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Entekin, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Coffman and baby, Mr. Howard Coffman and Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Columbus, are the Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Howell and Judge and Mrs. Rell G. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McClure arrived from Peebles Thursday to visit their daughter, Mrs. H. L. Stitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamor Conn and daughters arrived from Cleveland Thursday to visit Mrs. Conn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sanderson, and Mr. Conn's sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Gifford, of Grand Rapids, Mich., are the guests of Mrs. Gifford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rothrock.

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Don't make a mistake by not going to Stutson's store tonight. Late shoppers will find it very much to their advantage to do so.

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Mr. and Mrs. Schmid, of Whitehouse, O., are the guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid.

Miss Maude Patterson is down from Columbus spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Patterson.

Mr. Ernest Woodward of Granville, joined his sister, Miss Ada, enroute from Northampton, Mass., to Columbus, and accompanied her home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Luella Herbert and son, Herbert, Mr. Walter Robinson, came down from Columbus Thursday to spend Christmas with Miss Mary Robinson and Mr. Geo. Robinson, the entire family the guests of Mr. Roy Hagler and family Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kingsbury are spending Christmas with their son, Joseph Kingsbury and wife, in Columbus.

Mr. David M. Glascock, of Cleveland, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Georgiana Glascock.

Mrs. A. M. Bush went to Greenfield Thursday morning to visit her mother, Mrs. Margaret Wilson and Dr. Bush's mother, Mrs. S. M. Templeton. Dr. Bush joined her Thursday night.

Mr. Hiram Rodgers and son, Mr. W. A. Rodgers, of Good Hope, made a business trip to Cleveland during the past week.

Mrs. Polly Warren, who has been making an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Flee, Jr., left Wednesday for a month's visit with her son, Mr. C. R. Warren, in Baltimore, Md., before going back to her home at Norfolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flee, Jr., and son, Warren, accompanied Mrs. Warren as far as Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson and daughter, Margaret, of South Solon, are Christmas guests of Mr. J. R. Marshall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tysor arrived from Gallatin, Tenn., Thursday morning to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Dahl.

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more, Md., before going back to her home at Norfolk, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flee, Jr., and son, Warren, accompanied Mrs. Warren as far as Chillicothe.

Miss Miriam Fite went to her home in Georgetown Thursday to spend Christmas.

Maurice Marshall arrived from Pittsburg Thursday to visit his parents.

Mr. Wm. M. Campbell and daughter, Miss Virginia, will entertain as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Campbell, daughter, Miss Frances, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Campbell and two sons, of Bainbridge, Mr. and Mrs. David Roche, of Chillicothe.

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GUTIERREZ QUILTS MEXICAN CAPITAL

Flees In Fear of His Life, According to Border Report.

HAD A MIX UP WITH ANGELES

Resented an Order of the Chief of Artillery For General Villa For Assignment of Troops in Mexico City. General Herrera Moving Against Torreon With All Possible Speed. Carranza Expedition Captured.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—That Provisional President Gutierrez has fled Mexico City in fear of his life, is the report circulated on the border by Carranza agents, and denied by Villa adherents.

Villistas admitted, however, that there had been serious trouble between the provisional president of the convention forces and General Felipe Angeles, chief of artillery for General Villa. According to their reports, troops under the personal command of Angeles were assigned to one of the larger barracks in Mexico City. This was resented by Gutierrez, who declared that no troop movements could be made in the capital without his orders. He sent a detachment of troops to take charge of

the barracks, but his men were disarmed by the Angeles men.

Angeles is blamed by Gutierrez adherents with continually causing strife in the convention forces, while Angeles supporters, one of the strongest of whom is General Palafox, secretary to General Zapata, accuse Gutierrez of decided Carranza leanings.

Villistas here declare that Gutierrez will make no effort to retain his office as provisional president when the convention reconvenes Jan. 1. According to the mandate of the convention at Aguascalientes, Gutierrez was to remain in power only until the convention was reconvened in Mexico City.

That General Maclovio Herrera will strike Torreon with all possible speed is indicated by messages received here, which stated that he had already arrived at Monterey and that, after a brief conference with high officials there, had entrained for San Pedro, which is about forty miles east of Torreon. Herrera has 4,000 men.

A Carranza expedition into southern Lower California, with all its equipment, has been captured on the high seas, according to advices received here. The expedition left Mazatlan on board the steamship Mazatlan. The ship was captured when entering the harbor at La Paz by the forces of Colonel Cantu. Some days ago it was declared that Cantu was loyal to Carranza, but it is now said that he is waging an active campaign to secure control of the entire territory for General Villa.

FRANCIS JOSEPH REPORTED DYING

Rome, Dec. 24.—There is a persistent rumor in circulation that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria is dying. It is said further that the pope has been urgently requested to send a deathbed blessing and that the kaiser has been summoned to the bedside of his ally. The vatican denies that a deathbed blessing has been sent, and at the Austrian embassy here it is stated that nothing has been heard of the emperor's illness.

It is reported that shortly after the outbreak of the present war the emperor was so seriously ill that his life was despaired of. The reports persisted for several days, but finally an official denial was issued. According to general report the kaiser held a long conference with the emperor at Vienna just before the German monarch was attacked by his recent illness.

Mayor Paid the Salaries. Piqua, O., Dec. 24.—Mayor Lorimer, when notified that the city's service department fund and the safety department fund were exhausted, paid the salaries of firemen and policemen out of his own pocket.

LOCAL DRUGGIST MAKES

MANY FRIENDS.

Frank Christopher reports they are making many friends through the QUICK benefit which Washington C. H. people receive from the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka. This remedy became famous by curing appendicitis and it is the most thorough bowel cleanser known, acting on BOTH the lower and upper bowel. JUST ONE DOSE of Adler-i-ka relieves constipation and gas on the stomach almost IMMEDIATELY.

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POPE EFFECTS TRADE OF WAR PRISONERS

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope has been successful in negotiating for the exchange of prisoners of war who have been permanently disabled.

Cotton Whiskers Ablaze.

Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Wade Youngman, playing the role of Santa Claus at a party given to the primary department of Woodland Methodist Episcopal church, averted a panic in the crowded hall, when his cotton whiskers caught fire, by rushing from the building. Youngman was badly burned, but may recover.

M. LINN BRUCE

May Succeed Whitman as New York District Attorney.



Photo by American Press Association

A Christmas Eve Warning



"Now, keep as quiet, pussy, as you can be, because if we make just a bit of noise we won't see Santa Claus."

MUST BREACH RUSS CENTER

Von Hindenburg Faces Most Difficult Task of the War.

ENEMY POUNDING EACH WING

German Commander Must Crush the Russians West of Warsaw and Do It Quickly, or Be in Danger on All Sides—Russian Situation in Poland Improving, According to Late Dispatches From Petrograd.

London, Dec. 24.—Russian troops are invading East Prussia from the south and are again approaching Cracow from the north and east. The Germans are said to be reduced to the necessity of breaking the Russian center in front of Warsaw within a very few days or of retiring from Poland.

The news from Petrograd is that Marshal Von Hindenburg's main army has made no appreciable progress in driving the Russians from the Bzura and the Raska rivers, and that the invaders are no farther advanced toward Warsaw than they were two days ago. They hold Skierniewice, an important railroad center, but the Russian artillery has held them powerless to cross the Bzura or the Raska in force. Small forces which crossed these streams in the night were enfiladed and wiped out or captured.

From the junction of the Vistula and the Bzura, the Russian line stretches eighty miles, bending to the southwest to the river Pilzta, and against this line the Germans have beaten fruitlessly for more than a week. It is not impossible, of course, that they will be able to hew through. Shortening their battle front west of Warsaw in order to stand behind

deep and narrow rivers and formidable trenches, the Russians simultaneously attacked in the northern and southern areas. They drove the Germans along the north bank of the lower Vistula to the region of Mlawa, won severe battles on the southern East Prussia frontier, and drove the Germans over the frontier to the line of the Niedenburg-Soldau-Lautenburg. They repulsed a German counter attack and continued the advance. If continued, the invasion of East Prussia in this region will soon connect with the invasion of Gumbinnen and the head of the Masurian lakes.

Only a decisive victory by the Austro-German forces in southwest Poland and in Galicia can scatter the new strategic plan of the Russian commander-in-chief.

The critical opinion is that Marshal Von Hindenburg has before him the greatest, most perilous task of the war. He must crush the Russians west of Warsaw and do it quickly, or be in danger on all sides.

While the Germans have thus far failed to pierce the Russian line, they have forced Grand Duke Nicholas to withdraw his forces from before Cracow. In this, one of their chief aims of their offensive against Russia, the Germans have been successful.

Mr. Glumm on Christmas.

My old friend Mr. Glumm declares that holidays are all a sell; They interfere with our affairs And cost a lot of cash as well. And yet his words cannot provoke My envy for his hoarded sum. I'd rather find myself dead broke Than view the world like Mr. Glumm.

He vows that festival events Are but rehearsals for ill health. He tastes no pleasant condiments Unless, perchance, 'tis done by stealth. But e'en dyspepsia cannot make My views of life to his succumb. I'd rather have a stomach ache Than nurse a grouch like Mr. Glumm. —Washington Star.

Christmas Sentiments.

The real spirit of Christmas is giving, not getting. As you would that men do unto you, do ye even so to them.

The world is full of the people who talk so much of what they can do and what they are going to do that they never have time to begin. Christmas-tide is a splendid opportunity for action.

Her Style.

"That singer has a remarkably thin voice." "Yes; suggests she ought to sing in a skeleton key." —Baltimore American.

CHRISTMAS WAITS AT PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREE.

Popular Old English Custom Growing In Favor In America.

Christmas "waits," those bands of singers familiar in England for several centuries, have been less numerous in recent years, but the custom, with certain variations, is gaining ground in the United States. The municipal Christmas trees which will mark the great holiday in many towns and cities this year will have the singing of Christmas carols and anthems as a part of the exercises in connection with the trees.

The town of Burlington, N. J., has kept up the custom of the waits since colonial days. Each Christmas eve a band of vocalists, recruited from the choir of St. Mary's Episcopal church, start out an hour or so before midnight and sing carols and anthems in various sections of the city. They visit the homes of the rector, the curate and members of the vestry and sing before their doors. As these homes are situated in widely separated sections of the city, the singing is heard by practically all of the residents.

Citizens of the town who may have retired early are usually aroused by the singing, and windows in upper floors are thrown open. As the singers move away after finishing the carols the listeners yell greetings to their neighbors, close their windows and return to their cozy beds.

In many of the houses before which the singers render concerts the occupants are expecting them, and they are invited in to partake of refreshments. They can linger but a little time, for they must cover their arranged route before the chiming of the church bells ushers in a new Christmas.

Fall May Prove Fatal.

Circleville, O., Dec. 24.—Judson Barber, a stock broker of Chillicothe, fell on the icy street here and his skull was fractured. He was removed to his home. His legs are paralyzed.

Four Hurt In Car Crash.

Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Four men were injured, one seriously, and a number of passengers were badly shaken, when a Bowery line streetcar crashed into the rear of a Barborton car.

Woman Asphyxiated.

Bellevue, O., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Fannie Miltenberger, eight, was found dead on the floor of her home. She had been asphyxiated from gas escaping from a stove.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Gas and Electric Co. will be held at the company's office, 119 East street, Washington C. H., Ohio, the third Monday in January, (18th), 1915, between the hours of 1 and 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing five (5) directors to serve for the ensuing year.

G. N. CLAPP, Secretary.
Dec. 17, 1914.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT.

Estate of Calvin O. Beatty, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Walter O. Beatty has been duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Calvin O. Beatty, late of Fayette county, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 18th day of December, 1914.

RELL G. ALLEN, Judge of the Probate Court, Fayette County, Ohio.
No. 1804.

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LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Hogs—Receipts 38,000; market weak; light yorkers \$6.60 @ 7.05; heavy yorkers \$6.75 @ 7.10; pigs \$5.50 @ 7.10.

Cattle—Receipts 3000; market strong; native steers \$5.40 @ 10; western steers \$5.10 @ 8; cows and heifers \$3.10 @ 8.25; calves \$7 @ 9.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 10,000 market firm; sheep, natives \$5.60 @ 6.50; lambs, natives \$6.50 @ 8.75.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Hogs—Receipts 4000; market active; heavy yorkers \$7.30; light yorkers & pigs \$7.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 1000; market steady; top sheep \$5.75; top lambs \$8.40.

Calves—Receipts 100; steady; top \$9.

GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat—Dec. \$1.26; May \$1.29.

Corn—Dec. 66 1/2 c; May 72 1/2 c.

Oats—Dec. 49 1/2 c; May 53 1/2 c.

Pork—Jan. \$18.35; May \$18.95.

Lard—Jan. \$10.32; May \$10.55.

THE LOCAL MARKET.

Corrected Daily at Noon.

Corn 60c

Wheat \$1.17

Corn 57c

Oats 45c

Prices Paid for Produce.

Chickens 10c

Hens 10c

Eggs, per dozen 36c

Butter 22c

New potatoes 45 to 60c

Lard, per pound 11c

Close of Markets Yesterday

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CHICAGO.

Cattle—Native steers, \$5.40 @ 10; western, \$5.10 @ 8; cows and heifers, \$3.10 @ 8.25; calves, \$6.50 @ 8.75.

Hogs—Light, \$6.80 @ 7.20; mixed, \$6.90 @ 7.25; heavy, \$6.80 @ 7.20; pigs, \$5.50 @ 7.10.

Sheep and Lambs—Sheep, \$5.50 @ 6.50; yearlings, \$6.00 @ 7.45; lambs, \$6.25 @ 8.00.

Receipts—Cattle, 8,000; hogs, 50,000; sheep and lambs, 18,000.

EAST BUFFALO.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$8.75 @ 9; shipping, \$7.75 @ 8.25; butchers, \$6.80 @ 7.25; cows, \$3.75 @ 4.50; bulls, \$4.50 @ 5.25; heifers, \$5.50 @ 6.25; calves, \$4.00 @ 4.50.

Boys' and Girls'

Ice Skates

Sleds

Flexible Flyers

Junk & Willett

Hdw. Co.

Our thoughts go out at this Holiday season to each of our friends to wish them Prosperity in their undertakings, wisdom for the work, peace for the pathway, friends for the fireside and strength to the last.

Will E. Dale

POSTOFFICE FORCE KEPT ON THE JUMP

This week has been a busy one with the postoffice force in this city, and the rush will continue until Friday evening, when the great avalanche of mail will have come and gone, leaving a very, very weary force of postoffice employees behind, and making thousands of hearts glad by the receipt of presents, or other remembrances.

The number of packages has been exceedingly heavy, but has been handled with remarkable promptness.

WOLF IS KILLING PIGS AND CHICKENS

In upper Ross county a wolf is running at large, killing pigs, chickens, sheep, and otherwise making life miserable for the farmers in that community.

A wolf hunt is being organized for the purpose of killing the animal and eliminating the raids.

MOTHERS' PENSION CHECKS SENT OUT

In order that they might have their December pension allowance for Christmas, Probate Judge Allen Thursday mailed checks to the 18 pensioners in Fayette county.

Most of the checks will reach their destination Christmas day.

XMAS MARRIAGES

Earl Cole, 20, farmer, of Paint township, and Clara Friend, 17, Bloomingburg. Rev. Thomas.

Harry E. Allen, 22, farmer, of Jefferson township, and Clara Boyer, 20, Judge Craig.

Clarence Rowland, 27, farmer, Austin, O., and Florence Vey Lysinger, Rev. Ross.

Harry Walker, 21, farmer, Wilmington, O., and Cora Sellman, 21 Judge Craig.

Virgil Fishback, 21, farmer, New Martinsburg, and Leota Oliver, 17, Rev. Psaltgraf.

PUBLIC SALE.

Having rented my farm I will offer at public sale, 9 miles south of Washington, one-half mile west of Cochran church on Haines road on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, sale commencing at 10 o'clock, the following property, to-wit:

3—HEAD OF HORSES—3.

1 sorrel mare, 12 years old, good worker, single liner; work any place.

1 bay gelding, 3 years old; good style.

1 yearling colt.

14—HEAD OF HOGS—14.

1 Duroc male hog.

3 sows with pigs by side.

10 shoats, weight about 125 lbs. if not sold before day of sale.

1 Short Horn cow; good milker.

22—HEAD OF SHEEP—22.

14 ewes, 7 lambs, 1 buck.

About 300 bushels of corn in crib.

IMPLEMENTS.

One road wagon, riding cultivator, roller, disc harrow, spring-tooth harrow, section harrow and many other articles.

Terms made known on day of sale.

C. FORTIER.

Col. G. W. Duff, Auct.

Lunch served by the Cochran church.

Cost little; pay much—Want ads

DRIVER INJURED ON ICY STREET

Tod Ward, driver of a delivery wagon, sustained a violent fall on W. Market street near the Cherry hotel, Thursday. He was not seriously injured but will be unable to resume his duties for a few days. His fall was due to the slippery condition of the street.

BARN DESTROYED

A barn belonging to B. E. Ott, of White Oak, Madison township, was completely destroyed by fire, a few nights ago, and everything in the barn was destroyed, including one horse, hay, straw, harness and other things usually found in a barn.

A second horse was badly burned. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gray and little daughter, Margaret Jane, came over from Dayton Thursday for a holiday visit with Mrs. Gray's mother, Mrs. J. M. Briggs and sister, Miss Margaret.

Alden Baughn came down from the O. S. U. Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen and son, Renick, left Thursday for Greensburg, Pa., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCoy.

Dr. Robert Thornton comes down from Columbus this evening to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Thornton.

Glenn McCoy is home from the O. S. U. for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cockerill and Mrs. Mary Brownell came over from Dayton Thursday to be guests at the home of Mrs. S. S. Cockerill until Sunday.

Miss Margaret Fullerton is down from Columbus spending Christmas.

Miss Florence Conner, who is a teacher in the Harvey, Ill., public schools, is at home to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. R. Conner, near Jeffersonville. Miss Conner spent the day in this city and returned this evening, accompanied by her niece, Miss Florence King. Mr. and Mrs. Ben King go to the Conner home Friday to spend a few days.

Mrs. J. A. Bowman arrived today from Greensburg, Pa., to spend the holidays with her son, Mr. L. L. Bowman and family.

Mr and Mrs. George Swope are over from Springfield the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scoggins.

NATURALIST DEAD

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—John Muir, the naturalist, died here today of pneumonia, at the age of 76.

TAD'S CHRISTMAS THEATER.

Now President Lincoln Came to Grant Son's Unique Request.

Tad Lincoln wanted a Christmas gift such as perhaps no other president's son ever wanted before or since.

"Father," said Tad, "there is something I'd like for Christmas, if you'll give it to me."

As the son asked the question his father looked at the boy over the rims of his spectacles in a grave way and asked:

"What is that, my son?"

"I want a theater," said Tad.

"Well, my boy, I don't know that I have any objection," said the president. "There are plenty of them, I suppose, in the toy shops."

"Oh, but I don't want a toy theater," protested the youngster. "I want a real one. There isn't any reason why we shouldn't have a theater in the White House."

Mr. Lincoln was not at first disposed to take the suggestion favorably, but Tad, who was his favorite child and at that time eleven years old, was persistent, and at length the indulgent parent yielded. This was just before the Christmas of 1863—too late to have the theater ready for the holidays, many preparations being required. But it is a matter of history, though known to few, that not long after the following New Year's day the boy's ambition was realized, a room on the second floor of the executive mansion being set aside for the purpose and a stage erected, with gas footlights and simple scenery.

Christmas Bells.

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old, familiar carols play
And, wild and sweet,
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!
—Longfellow.

Read the Classified Columns.

Parrett's Grocery!

"THE YELLOW FRONT."

THE HOME OF QUALITY FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS.

We Thank You

For Your Generous Patronage and Wish
All a Very Happy Christmas : : : :

Our Store Open Tonight!

AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF

Every Good Thing To Eat

FLORAL GARDENS CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

The Buck Floral Gardens have been showing a superb Christmas display at Brown's Drug Store yesterday and today.

The Christmas baskets are especially beautiful, with the leading flowers of the season, poinsettias, azaleas, Jerusalem cherries, primroses and cyclamen in most artistic arrangement.

Cut flowers are also shown in perfection of bloom, and many potted plants with fancy decoration.

EPISCOPALIANS HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas services will be held at St. Andrew's Mission Christmas morning at 11 o'clock.

The services will be brief, with special Christmas music, sermon by the rector, Rev. Prosser and communion.

DAILY TIME TABLE.

BALTIMORE & OHIO S. W. GOING WEST GOING EAST
No. Cincinnati. || No. Columbus.
105...5:05 a. m. || 110...5:05 a. m.*
101...7:33 a. m. || 104...10:42 a. m.d
103...3:34 p. m. || 108...6:05 p. m.*
107...6:05 p. m. || 106...10:53 p. m.d
East-bound 114, Sundays, 4:19 a. m.

PENNSYLVANIA LINES.
GOING WEST GOING EAST
No. Cincinnati. || No. Zanesville.
21...9:20 a. m.* || 6...9:42 a. m.*
19...3:50 p. m.* || 34...5:45 p. m.*
Sunday to Cincinnati...7:40 a. m.
Sunday to Lancaster...8:28 p. m.

C. H. & D.
GOING NORTH GOING SOUTH
No. Dayton || No. Wellston
201...9:21 a. m. || 202...9:42 a. m.d
203...4:12 p. m.* || 204...6:08 p. m.d
SUNDAY ONLY.
263...7:36 p. m. ||

DETROIT, TOLEDO & IRONTON.
GOING NORTH GOING SOUTH
No. Springfield || No. Greenfield
2...7:47 a. m.* || 9...11:33 a. m.d
10...2:50 p. m. || 1...7:00 p. m.*
d. Daily. * Daily except Sunday.

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German Coaster Sets at \$1.00 and \$1.25

One-Fourth Off on all Brassware

To all our friends and patrons
we extend the wish that their
Christmas may be a very happy
one.